

Bloomington Native Plant Give-Away 2009



Photo: Brenda Van Ryswyk, www.silentecho.org

Bergamot

Monarda fistulosa

Sun: Full, Partial

Moisture: Dry, Medium, Moist

Bloom: July – September

Spacing: 2 inches

Soil: Sand, Loam, Clay

Height: 2 - 5 feet

Color: lavender/pink

Maintenance: Medium

Attracts Butterflies, Indigo Buntings use stems for bird nests, Leaves can be brewed for a minty tea



Photo: Prairie Moon Nursery,
www.prairiemoon.com

Black Eyed Susan

Rudbeckia hirta

Sun: Full, Partial

Moisture: Dry, Medium, Moist

Bloom: June – September

Spacing: 1 foot

Soil: Sand, Loam, Clay

Height: 1-3 feet

Color: yellow to orange-yellow

Maintenance: Low

Attracts Butterflies, Easy to grow, Drought and heat resistant once established

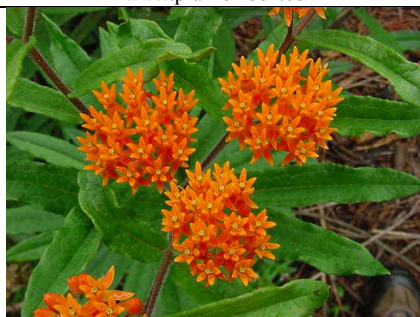


Photo: Graham County, North Carolina;
<http://www.main.nc.us/graham/wildflowers/>

Butterfly Milkweed

Asclepias tuberosa

Sun: Full

Moisture: Dry, Medium

Bloom: June - August

Spacing: 1 foot – 18 inches

Soil: Sand, Loam

Height: 2-3 feet

Color: orange/yellow

Maintenance: Low

Attracts many butterflies, especially Monarchs, Grows well in dry soil



Photo: Ojibway Nature Center, www.ojibway.ca

Dense Blazing Star

Liatris spicata

Sun: Full

Moisture: Medium, Moist

Bloom Time: August – September

Spacing: 6 inches – 1 foot

Soil: Sand, Loam, Clay

Height: 3-6 feet

Color: lavender to red-purple,
sometimes white

Maintenance: Low

Attracts butterflies, birds and hummingbirds, Blooms late in the season after most flowering plants, Makes an excellent cut or dried flower, Tolerant of summer heat and humidity



Photo: Prairie Nursery, www.prairienursery.com

Foxglove Beardtongue

Penstemon digitalis

Sun: Full, Partial

Moisture: Medium, Moist

Bloom: June – July

Spacing: 1 foot

Soil: Sand, Loam, Clay

Height: 2-3 feet

Color: white

Maintenance: Medium

Blooms for a month or longer, Tolerates seasonally damp conditions, Good for erosion control, Attracts hummingbirds and other birds



Photo: North Creek Nurseries, www.northcreeknurseries.com

Great Blue Lobelia

Lobelia siphilitica

Sun: Full, Partial

Moisture: Medium, Moist

Bloom: July – September

Spacing: 1 foot

Soil: Sand, Loam, Clay

Height: 1-4 feet

Color: blue

Maintenance: Low

Attracts hummingbirds, Will grow partially submerged in water gardens



Photo: David Winer, Sycamore Island Canoe Club, www.sycamoreisland.org

Halberd Leaf Rose Mallow

Hibiscus militaris

Sun: Full, Partial

Moisture: Moist

Bloom: July – October

Spacing: 3-4 feet

Soil: Sand, Loam, Clay

Height: 3-6 feet

Color: white, mauve to pink

Maintenance: Low

Attracts butterflies, Grows in wetland gardens



Photo: A Prairie Haven, www.aprairiehaven.com

Hoary Vervain

Verbena stricta

Sun: Full

Moisture: Dry, Medium

Bloom: July – September

Spacing: 1 inch

Soil: Sand, Loam

Height: 2-4 feet

Color: blue-purple

Maintenance: Low

Attracts many butterflies especially the Common Buckeye, Very drought resistant, Deer resistant



Photo: Prairie Nursery, www.prairienursery.com

Lanceleaf Coreopsis

Coreopsis lanceolata

Sun: Full

Moisture: Dry, Medium

Bloom: June - July

Spacing: 1 foot

Soil: Sand, Loam

Height: 1-2 feet

Color: yellow

Maintenance: Medium

Attracts butterflies and songbirds, Makes a long-lasting cut flower, Easy to grow, Creates an attractive ground cover when not in bloom



Photo: Primafrø, www.primafrøe.dk

Lavender Hyssop

Agastache foeniculum

Sun: Full, Partial
Moisture: Dry, Medium
Bloom: July – September
Spacing: 1 foot

Soil: Sand, Loam
Height: 1-3 feet
Color: purple, blue
Maintenance: Low

Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies, Crushed leaves have a fragrance of mint and licorice, Leaves can be brewed for a licorice tea



Photo: Mrs. W.D. Bransford, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, www.wildflower.org

Prairie Blazing Star

Liatris pycnostachya

Sun: Full
Moisture: Medium, Moist
Bloom: July – August
Spacing: 6 inches-1 foot

Soil: Sand, Loam, Clay
Height: 3-5 feet
Color: lilac purple
Maintenance: Low

Flowers holds their color well when dried, Makes an excellent cut flower, Attracts butterflies and nectar insects



Photo: 2009 Native Plant Give-Away Information

Purple Coneflower

Echinacea purpurea

Sun: Full, Partial
Moisture: Dry, Medium
Bloom: July – September
Spacing: 1 foot

Soil: Sand, Loam, Clay
Height: 3-4 feet
Color: purplish pink
Maintenance: Low

Attracts butterflies, hummingbirds and songbirds, Flowers make a tea that boosts the immune system, Bloom lasts a long time, Roots break up clay soils



Photo: Prairie and Wetland Center, www.critsite.com

Prairie Coreopsis

Coreopsis palmata

Sun: Full
Moisture: Dry, Medium
Bloom Time: June – August
Spacing: 1 foot

Soil: Sand, Loam
Height: 2-3 feet
Color: yellow
Maintenance: Low

Good for stabilizing slopes and dry or rocky soils, Spreads by underground rhizomes to form a dense mat, Leaves and stems often turn red in autumn, Tolerant of heat, humidity and drought



Photo: Prairie Nursery, www.prairienursery.com

Smooth Aster

Aster laevis

Sun: Full
Moisture: Dry, Medium
Bloom: August – October
Spacing: 1 foot

Soil: Sand, Loam
Height: 2-4 feet
Color: violet petals, yellow centers
Maintenance: Low

**Keeps blooming after frosts when most plants have stopped blooming,
 Attracts birds and butterflies**



Photo: Bustani Plant Farm,
www.bustaniplantfarm.com

Stiff Goldenrod

Solidago rigida

Sun: Full
Moisture: Dry, Medium
Bloom: August – September
Spacing: 1 foot

Soil: Sand, Loam, Clay
Height: 3'-5'
Color: yellow
Maintenance: Medium

Easy to grow, Attracts butterflies, Seeds attract songbirds into late fall

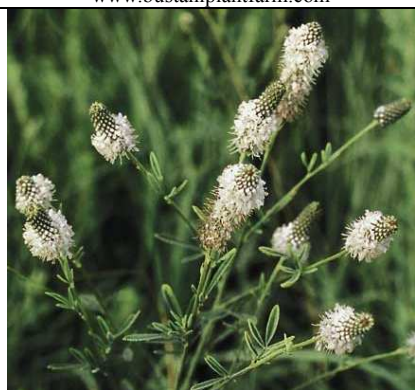


Photo: Prairie Nursery, www.prairienursery.com

White Prairie Clover

Dalea candida

Sun: Full
Moisture: Dry, Medium
Bloom: July – August
Spacing: 1 foot

Soil: Sand, Loam
Height: 1-2 feet
Color: white
Maintenance: Low

Seeds attract a variety of birds, Attracts butterflies, Drought tolerant but also takes summer rains



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Wild Quinine

Parthenium integrifolium

Sun: Full
Moisture: Medium, Moist
Bloom: June – September
Spacing: 18 inches

Soil: Sand, Loam, Clay
Height: 3-5 feet
Color: white
Maintenance: Low

Resistant to insects and disease, Has a long lasting bloom all summer, Provides excellent foliage, Drought and heat resistant, Fragrant

References: Prairie Nursery: www.prairienursery.com
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